CLAIMS

1. A tool comprising:

first and second cooperating members, each of said first and second cooperating members comprising at least a jaw section and a handle, said first and second cooperating members detachably interconnected in a mutually overlapping relationship so as to permit movement of said jaw sections relative to one another by said handles;

a first blade comprising at least a first and a second edge, said first edge counterposed to said second edge across a longitudinal axis of said blade, said first blade removably juxtaposed to said jaw section of said first cooperating member; and

a third edge juxtaposed to said jaw section of said second cooperating member.

2. The tool of claim 1, further comprising a pocket formed in said jaw section of said first cooperating member, said pocket adapted to removably receive at least a portion of said first blade.

3. The tool of claim 2, wherein said first edge of said first blade is shielded by a flange which defines an edge of said pocket, and wherein said second edge of said first blade is exposed for cutting.

4. The tool of claim 2, wherein said first edge projects beyond an edge of said jaw section.

5. The tool of claim 4, further comprising a tang forming the base of said first blade.

6. The tool of claim 5, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an aperture capable of accommodating a pivot means.

7. The tool of claim 6, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an outward-facing hexagonal recess, and said cooperating members are detachably interconnected with a bolt fastened with a hexagonal nut.

8. The tool of claim 6, wherein said tang of said first blade defines at least one tang aperture, and wherein said tang aperture is aligned with said apertures of said cooperating members.

9. The tool of claim 8, wherein said tang of said first blade defines two tang apertures, and wherein one of said tang apertures is aligned with said apertures of said cooperating members.

10. The tool of claim 9, further comprising a tab protruding from said tang of said first blade.

11. The tool of claim 10 wherein said tool is hand-operated.

12. The tool of claim 11, wherein each of said cooperating members has at least two finger loops.

13. The tool of claim 1, wherein said jaw section of one of said cooperating members is set at an angle to said handle section of the same cooperating member.

14. The tool of claim 1, further comprising a tang which forms a base of said first blade.

15. The tool of claim 1, wherein said third edge is permanently fixed to said jaw of said second cooperating member.

16. The tool of claim 2, wherein said cooperating members are attached to each other by a manually removable nut.

17. The tool of claim 1, wherein a second blade comprises said third edge and a fourth edge, said third edge counterposed to said fourth edge across a longitudinal axis of said second blade.

18. The tool of claim 17, wherein said third edge projects beyond an edge of said jaw section.

19. The tool of claim 18, wherein each of said cooperating members defines an aperture capable of accommodating a pivot means.

20. The tool of claim 18, wherein said cooperating members are detachably interconnected with a bolt fastened with a hexagonal nut which passes through said apertures.

21. The tool of claim 20, wherein each of said blades comprises a tang forming a base of each of said tangs.

22. The tool of claim 21, further comprising a tab attached to each of said blades.

23. The tool of claim 22, wherein each of said tangs defines one tang aperture aligned with said aperture of said cooperating members.

24. The tool of claim 23, wherein each of said tangs defines two tang apertures.

25. The tool of claim 24, wherein at least one of said cooperating members has at least two finger loops.

26. A method of modifying a cutting tool, comprising:

providing a pivotal member cutting tool comprising two cooperating members detachably interconnected to each other, said tool further comprising a first removable blade having at least two cutting edges positioned at opposing portions of said blade;

separating said cooperating members;

rotating said first removable blade 180 degrees around its longitudinal axis;

reconnecting said cooperating members.

27. The method of claim 26, further comprising providing a second removable blade having at least two edges.

28. The method of claim 27, further comprising rotating said second removable blade around said longitudinal axis.

29. The method of claim 28, further comprising exchanging said first and second blades between respective cooperating members.

30. An improved scissor-action cutting tool, the improvement comprising:

one removable blade comprising two edges counterposed across a longitudinal axis of said blade.

31. The tool of claim 30, wherein said tool is manually actuated.

32. The tool of claim 31, the improvement further comprising a second removable blade comprising two edges counterposed across a longitudinal axis of said second blade.

33. A cutting tool kit, comprising:

a pair of handles, wherein each of said handles defines a pocket capable of receiving a blade;

a first pair of blades, each having counterposed cutting edges, each of said first pair of blades reversibly positionable on respective ones of said handles;

at least a second pair of blades having a different configuration from said first pair of blades, said at least second pair of blades being reversibly positionable on said handles.

34. The kit of claim 33, wherein said first or said second pair of blades may be mounted on said handles.

35. The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a sharper point than each of said second pair of blades.

36. The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a duller cutting edge than each of said second pair of blades.

37. The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades comprises a stronger alloy than each of said second pair of blades.

38. The kit of claim 34, wherein each of said first pair of blades has a tip that is more curved than a tip of each of said second pair of blades.